

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please change the title at page 1, line 1, from "**Process for preparing phthaloyl chloride**" to

-- METHOD FOR PRODUCING PHTHALIC ACID DICHLORIDE --

Please insert the following at page 1, between the title and line 4:

-- The present patent application has been filed under 35 U.S.C. 371 as a national stage application of PCT/EP2003/008684, filed August 6, 2003, which was published in German as International Patent Publication WO 2004/022520 on March 18, 2004, and is entitled to the right of priority of German Patent Application 102 37 579.8, filed August 16, 2002. --